GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:698
ANSWERED ON:15.05.2000
CONFERENCE OF STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONERS
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Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a conference of State Election Commissioners was held at New Delhi recently;

(b) if so, whether the Election Commission has mooted several proposals to the Government to bring further changes in the election laws;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of issues discussed in the conference and the outcome thereof; and

(e) the action contemplated by the Government on the views of the Election Commission?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE & COMPANY AFFAIRS

(SHRI RAM JETHMALANI)

(a) Yes, Sir. A conference of State Election Commissioners was convened by the Election Commission of India in New Delhi on 18.4.2000.

(b) No, Sir. No proposal has yet been received by the Government on the basis of discussions held in the meeting.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The Conference discussed the following issues :

(i) Conditions of service of State Election Commissioners(SECs);

(ii) Functioning of SECs with reference to executive interference;

(iii) Common Electoral Rolls;

(iv) Use of Electoral Photo Identity Cards;

(v) Loaning of election materials, electronic voting machines by the Election Commission of India to State Election Commissions;

(vi) Criminalisation of politics;

(vii) Disciplinary control over election machinery; and

(viii) Registration of political parties and symbols.

(e) Does not arise.